fied, having regard to the nature and circumstances of the case that it was necessary to refer the petition to the Committee of Privileges °f Rajya Sabha and I referred the petitio$_n$ to the Committee of Privileges o$_n$ May II. 1989, for making $_a$ preliminary inquiry and submitting a report to me.

The Committee of Privilege$_s$ submitted its report to m$_e$ on Jul$_v$ 10, 1989.

O$_n$ receipt of this report I forwarded a copy thereof to Mufti Mohammad Sayeed and gav$_e$ him $_{an}$ opportunity to appear before me on July 24, 1989, to represent hi$_s$ cas$_e$ and to be heard in perso$_n$ but h$_e$ did not appear on the scheduled dale and time.

Taking into account the statements of Mufti Mohammad Sayeed i$_n$ the two communications dated March 10 . and May 6, 1989, and th$_e$ report of the Committe$_e$ of Privilege$_s$ and in accordance with the provisions of article 102 (2) read with the Tenth Schedule to the Constitution Of-India, I hereby decide $_{an}$d declar$_e$ by this order as follows;

In exercise of the power$_s$ conferred upon me under article 102 (2) read with paragraph 6 of the Tenth Schedule to the Constitution of India, I, Shanker Dayal Sharma, Chairman, Rajya Sabha, hereby decide that Mufti Mohammad Sayeed, an elected Member of the Rajya Sabha from the State of Jammu & Kashmir, by voluntarily giving up hi$_s$ membership of Congress (I) his original political party, ha$_s$ become subject to disqualification for being a Member of the Rajya Sabha in terms $^{of}$ paragraph 2(1) (a) of the Tenth Schedule to the Constitution of India.

Accordingly, Mufti Mohammad Sayeed has ceased t$_0$ be a Member of the Rajya Sabha with immediate effect.

SHRI PARVATHANENl UPENDRA (Andhr$_a$ Pradesh); We congratulate Mr. Mufti Mohammad Sayeed on his courage of conviction... (Interruption*) ...

MR CHAIRMAN: Now w$_e$ will take up Papers to be laid on th$_e$ Table.

**PAPEfts LAID ON THE TABLE**

**I. Report and Accounts (1987-88) of the Punjab Warehousing Corporation, Chandigarh $_a$nd related papers.**

**II. Notification of the Ministry of Food and-Civil supplies (Department of Pood).**

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM); Sir, I l$_{ay}$ on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under gub-section (11) of section 31 of the Warehousing Corporations Act, 1962, read with sub-clause (iii) of clause (c) of the Proclamation dated the 11th May, 1987$_o$ issued by th$_e$ President i$_n$ relation "to the State of Punjab:—

(i) Twenty-first Annual Report and Accountg of the Punjab Warehousing Corporation, Chandigarh, for the year 1987-88, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and comment^ of the comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(ii) Review b$_y$ Government on th$_e$ working of the Corporation.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-809689 for (i) and (ii)]

II. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Food and Civil Supplies (Department of Food), Notification GSR. No. 600(E), dated th$_e$ 8th June, 1989, publishing the Sugar (Pric$_e$ Determination for 1988-89 Production) Amendment Order, 1989, unde$_r$ sub-section (6) of section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. [Placed in Library. *See* No! LT-8062|89]

[The Deputy Chairman in the Chair.]